

# The GARZETTE

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## GARS President Resigns

In a surprise announcement to the club, Ike Chapman, K4WEC, announced his resignation as President of GARS. Ike and his family's contribution to the club and amateur radio are too numerous to mention in one simple article. He has served in virtually every position in GARS as well as actively supporting ARES activities in Georgia. On a personal note, Ike was my first 2 meter contact on the GARS repeater prior to my re-locating to Atlanta in 1997. He welcomed me during my first net and I always (and still do) look forward to speaking with him during commuting hours. I'm sure that we all have a story of how Ike has touched our lives. Although he won't be absent from amateur radio, he cited personal reasons for his unexpected departure and Ike, we thank you for all you've done and wish you, Sue, and the girls, the best of health, happiness, and prosperity.

## Special Election Notice

Acting President Victor Gann, N2VG has announced that a Special Election will be held at the club meeting on August 15, 2002. This Special Election will be held to elect a new president to replace Ike Chapman, K4WEC.

Nominations will be taken for any members interested in running for President and each candidate will be given an opportunity to address the membership present. Then, a vote will be taken and the election will take place.

Please be sure to attend this important meeting on August 15, 2002 at 7:30 PM. Our meetings are held at the Central Baptist Church located on Gwinnett Drive in Lawrenceville. Talk-in is on 147.075 repeater. Please use the 82.5 PL tone to allow you access from all over Gwinnett County and beyond.

## THE GARZETTE

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**Deadline for submissions is the Week of the Monthly Meeting for inclusion in the following month's issue.**

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## GARS Elmers

Many of us Hams got interested in the hobby as a result of some influence and experienced Ham had on us. In my case, a ham stopped at my dealership back in the mid-80's to arrange a repair on his outboard motor. He had a funny looking license tag on his yellow Corvette and I inquired what it was. Little did I know, he would be my "Elmer".

The GARS organization is blessed with a lot of talented members that are willing to share their knowledge. The following list is made up of those individuals willing to serve as Elmers. Hopefully, this list will grow, and in time, maybe we'll get more who are willing to add a particular area of expertise.

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W8KJM, Barney Barnes (APRS)

If you'd like to be a GARS Elmer, please email the editor of the Garzette at N1TOQ@arrl.net or call 678-339-2605.

## GARS Fund Raising Event

The Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society (GARS) will be holding a Fund Raising event from August 23-25, 2002. GARS members and interested parties, will be managing the parking lot at the August Dog Show. The show is located at the Atlanta Exposition Center off of 285 near the airport and serves as an opportunity to raise funds as well as giving us a chance to "hone" our emergency communications skills.

Marty Fowler, KE4MLH, and Ike Chapman, K4WEC will be coordinating the event and as usual, there should be plenty of good fun and fellowship.

In order to adequately run this event, we will need 17 or more members for each shift. The shift times are 5:45 AM until 10 AM and 10 AM until 2 PM.

Sign ups are being coordinated through Dan Keohan, KF4YSU. He can be reached by phone at 770-623-5750. If you'd like to participate and need a ride contact Dan, Marty, or Ike.

Thanks to all who have participated in the past and to those who are helping with this event.

### STAY CONNECTED!

- Call the nets
- Attend the Meetings
- Use the Email List



## GARS

### Officers

#### President (Acting)

Victor Gann, N2VG

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Victor Gann, N2VG

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J. Morgan Ringold, KG4PAN

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Ron Langston, WE5O

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OPEN

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## **GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

**July, 2002 Meeting Minutes**

**July 18, 2002**

*Submitted by J. Morgan Ringold, KG4PAN, GARS Secretary*

- Vice-President Victor Gann opened the meeting at 7:35.
- Introduction of Visitors: Joe Coker- KD4VHD
- Introduction of officers and members.
- Buford 5K Run - August 17th - 8AM - need to be there 7:15 to provide communications around the course. Contact Eddie Faust - wd4jem@arrl.net if you can volunteer.
- Public Relations Report - Need assistance to help with e-mail inquiries from web site
- John Davis - WD4QDX - New Membership chairman.
- May Meeting Minutes Approved
- Treasurer's Report: Presented FY02 expenses along with FY03 budget. Field Day was under budget. Only other unusual expenses were purchase of new tower and increase in insurance expense.
- Activities Report - Picnic/JOTA is coming up this fall. Dog Show will be August 23-25th. GARS in conjunction with ARES will participate in this program.
- GARS SPECIAL NOTICE: Ike has resigned as President. A special election will be held to fill this position. Nominations are currently being taken. If interested, contact Victor. If there are no nominations, Victor will appoint a committee to find someone to fill the position.
- Volunteers are needed for SciTrek station.
- Field Day - approximately 2000 contacts. Band conditions were worse this year. There were 128 official participants. This should be about 5000 points.
- 8:15 – Break
- Program – Antenna Basics present by Ron Langston – WE5O
- Nominations: Club President – Bill Ahls – AB0KF
- New Members Voted in:

Rodolfo Ruiz – KG4OJN

Larry Florea- KG4PYS

Bert Shuler – KG4TTW

## Local Net Schedule

	Frequency	PL	Time	Name
Daily	146.76	107.2	Noon	Brown Bag
	146.79		8:00 PM	Sassafrass Mtn
	224.82		7:45 AM	Weekdays - Green Digital Clock Net
	3.795		6:00 PM	WX and Skywarn
Sunday	7.275		9:00 AM	Georgia Traders net
	3.983		5:00 PM	Georgia ARES
	146.76	107.2	7:00 PM	Alford Sunday Night Net
	146.82	146.2	8:00 PM	ARC Weekly Net
	224.34		8:30 PM	ARC 220 Net
	147.105	100	8:30PM	Atlanta C.A.R.E.S. Net
Monday	147.21	162.2	8:00 PM	Conyers ARES
	145.45		8:00 PM	Decatur ARES
	145.47		8:00 PM	North Fulton ARL
	3.975		8:00 PM	Swap Net
	145.41		8:30 PM	M.A.T.P.A.R.C. Net
	50.135		8:30 PM	Atlanta 6 Meter Net
	147.075	82.5	9:00 PM	Gwinnett ARES Net
Tuesday	147.075	82.5	8:00 PM	Gwinnett Want, Sell, Swap and Information Net
	147.075	82.5	9:00 PM	Gwinnett CW Net
	145.47		10:30 PM	Insomniac Net
Wednesday	145.41		8:00 PM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
	53.11		9:00 PM	GARS 6 Meter Net
	146.82	146.2	9:00 PM	SE Linked Repeater Net
	146.88	100	9:00 AM	KARC ARES Net
	146.67		9:00 PM	Lanierland ARC Net
Thursday	146.88	100	8:00 PM	Kennehoochee ARC Net
	147.225		8:00 PM	NE GA ARC (1st Thursday @ 9:30PM)
	147.15		8:00 PM	Simplex 145.41 - 9:30 PM AMSAT
	147.015		8:00 PM	GA Disaster Relief Team Cable TV 57
	224.7		8:00 PM	GA Disaster Relief Team Cable TV 57
	444.7		8:00 PM	GA Disaster Relief Team Cable TV 57
	146.805		8:00 PM	GA Disaster Relief Team Cable TV 57
	146.655		9:30 PM	Amateur TV Night
Friday	3.898		8:00 PM	Georgia Trader's Net
	145.47		8:00 PM	Youth Net
	146.76	107.2	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net
Saturday	7.275		8:00 AM	Swap Net
	3.857		9:00 AM	Chapter 49, QCWA Net
	146.76	107.2	Midnight	Turnip Truck Net

## Georgia Radio Club News

*Excerpts from ARRL written by Susan Swiderski, AF4FO, Section Manager*

**ATHENS ARC---**Members will be running a Special Event station at Sandy Creek Park on September 15 for the Athens Dog and Disc Day. To earn their certificate, listen out for KD4QHB around 28.440, 14.240, and 7.270 MHz. For more info, see the September QST.

**ATLANTA ARC---** Some industrious members of the club ran Field Day from the SciTrek museum in downtown Atlanta, using STARS callsign W4WOW. Arranged by DAVID TOMASCHIK, KF4MDV, other participants were club president PENN MCCLATCHEY, K4PE, SANDY SLIDER, N4QXI, STEPHEN SLIDER, KG4PTO, RONNY JULIAN, K4RJJ, and MARSHALL HOSKINS, KG4OOI. This club has been running the IRLP Kids' net, the SE linked repeater net, and linked nets for the NWS, in addition to regular club nets, on its 146.820 repeater for some time now. Now, it's added a couple more nets to its portfolio. On Wednesdays at 8 PM is a YL net, with NCS EMILY IVEY, KG4SRD; and on Tuesdays at 8:30 PM, a brand-new net, with net control DAVID SCHORNAK, KG4LSK, that he's calling the Atlanta Theory Practice Test 2M FM Net. (Wow! That's a mouthful!) The purpose of this net is to improve the technical and regulatory knowledge of hams, and to hopefully, aid them in upgrading their license. That's the 146.820(-) repeater, PL 146.2

**COASTAL ARS---** A special Field Day issue of their newsletter showed that these folks down Savannah way, without doubt, had a super-duper Field Day experience this year. Sounds like they had it all! They made several hundred more contacts than last year, had a higher number of participants, outstanding food (hmmm! Low Country Boil!!) and a fun auction that put over \$1000 into their club coffers. This is the only club that I've heard of that combines an auction with Field Day, but

this is the second year they've done it, and judging by their success, they'll probably be doing it again!

**MACON ARC---** On July 18, MARK FOLEY, NA4V, presented a program on APRS and the benefits of its usage during SKYWARN or other emergency situations to club members, as well as to members of the MIDDLE GEORGIA RADIO ASSOCIATION, who were also in attendance. He provided a CD to each attendee, which contained a copy of APRS of an "internet capable" software already configured for severe weather operations. In addition, JOHN KRAUS, KC4ZGQ, also presented information on the APRS digipeater project that he and Mark are both working on, along with BARRETT THOMPSON, KE4R, which will eventually open up the digipath all the way down I-16 to the coast.

**NORTH FULTON AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE---** Adventurous club members will be heading to Tybee Island the first weekend in August to set up operations at the Tybee Island lighthouse for the National Lighthouses on the Air event. Listen out for K4T, and say hello! Also, congratulations go out to club president TODD MCGINNIS, KB4KAY, and his wife GEORGIA, for the birth of their beautiful baby girl OLIVIA. Todd is already indoctrinating her in the fine art of PSK-31, I hear. As for proud grandpop CHUCK, ND4D, he just can't stop smiling.

**WEDIXIE ARC---** Many clubs let me know that their Field Day efforts this year yielded more contacts and more participation than in years past, and that they were really pleased with the GOTA station activity. But WARREN COLEMAN, WD4NIT, told me about the Wedixie group's endeavors at Carter's Lake Dam, and this was a particularly enterprising crew. With 10 club members and family members in attendance, they spent

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## Georgia Section News

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about four

hours putting up four thirty-foot masts, each with five guy lines, to support an 80 M full wave horizontal square loop antenna. Unlike some of the folks, like those down in Statesboro, who had to put up with torrential rains, fortunately, the Wedixie group had only a partial cloud cover to contend with, which was more than welcome. Four hours in the pouring rain would've been about three hours and fifty-five minutes too long!

## Gwinnett ARES Earns 501 C(3) Status

The Gwinnett ARES group has announced that it earned the 501 C(3) Status. This milestone is very important as it allows the group to accept donations and the donor is entitled to claim a tax-deductible contribution on their taxes.

Thanks to Dan Keohan, KF4YSU for putting all of the paperwork together and making this dream a reality.

## Upcoming Club Meeting Presentations

Bill Ahls, AB0KF, GARS Activities Chairman, has announced the following schedule of speakers for upcoming GARS meetings:

August - Wire Antennas Part 2 by Ron Langston, WE50

September- Contesting by Mark Kozma, KD3GC

Meetings are held at the  
Central Baptist Church  
Located on Gwinnett Drive in  
Lawrenceville

Talk in on 147.075  
PL Tone 82.5

For More Information, Check Out Our Web Site

[www.gars.org](http://www.gars.org)

## New Web Address for the Venture Crew

Ray Back has announced the Gwinnett Venture Crew's new web address. The web site provides information on the crew's activities and all are encouraged to visit the site and use it as a resource.

The new address is:

<http://scoutweb.home.mindspring.com/>

Thanks Ray!

## **Metro Atlanta Club Meetings**

### **First Tuesday**

#### **Metro Atlanta Telephone Pioneers**

Old Hickory House  
5490 Chamblee/Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody  
Dutch dinner is at 6:30 PM, followed by meeting.  
Talk In 145.410(-)

#### **Kennehoochee ARC**

First United Methodist Church in Marietta  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM  
Talk In 146.880(-)

### **First Thursday**

#### **Atlanta Radio Club**

American Red Cross Building, Lindberg Plaza  
Meeting is at 7:30 PM  
Talk In -146.820(-)

#### **N.E. Georgia ARC**

Jefferson Civic Center  
Off of Memorial Dr. toward Winder from  
Jefferson  
Meeting is at 6:30 PM  
Talk In - 147.225(+)

#### **North Fulton Amateur Radio League**

Shoney's Restaurant  
Holcomb Bridge Road at grimes Bridge Road  
Dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 145.47(-)

### **Second Thursday**

#### **Alford Memorial Radio Club**

Killian Hall, Killian Hill Road  
Lilburn  
Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM  
Talk In - 146.760(-)

### **Second Saturday**

#### **East Atlanta LAN**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church  
Dunwoody  
Meeting is at 10:00 AM  
Talk In - 145.410(-) and 443.025(+)

### **Third THURSDAY**

#### **Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society**

Central Baptist Church  
Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville  
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.  
Talk In -147.075(+) and 444.525(+)

### **First Saturday**

#### **North GA QRP Club**

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/Wieuca,  
10 AM  
Tues. Night Nets, PSK31 at 8:00 PM 3580 khz,  
9:00 PM FM net on 145.41 mhz ,  
CW at 9:30 PM 3568.4 khz  
Contact Russ AE4NY.....770-457-0371

## **Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule**

**GARS** publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions.

### **First Sunday**

WCARS VEC  
2:00 PM  
(Except July and September)  
Johnson High School  
3305 Poplar Springs RD, Gainesville  
Terry Jones, W4TL (770)967-6364

### **First Saturday**

9:00AM  
Clayton County Emergency  
Management Building  
7496 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro  
George White, KN4NG (770)361-6850

### **Second Tuesday**

7:00PM  
Walton EMC  
3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville  
Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA  
(770)498-7759

### **Second Saturday, Odd Months**

CA VEC  
8:30 AM  
Stone Mountain Methodist Church  
5312 West Mountain St.  
Stone Mountain  
Bob Verone, W4ETN  
(770)978-3179

### **Third Saturday**

CA VEC  
9:00AM  
Marietta First United Methodist  
Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave  
Marietta  
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ  
(770)955-3171

### **Fourth Tuesday**

ARRL VEC  
7:00 PM  
United Way Service Center  
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville  
Jessie Clower, KB4WFK  
(770)942-6466.

### **Fourth Friday**

W5YI VEC  
7:00 PM  
St. John Neumann Church  
801 Tom Smith Road  
Lilburn  
Headphones Provided!  
Howie Gould, W9HG  
(770)921-8362

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## **GARS Communication System**

### **6 Meter Repeater**

53.110 (-1 MHz) MHz 82.5 PL

#### **Main Repeater Site**

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

### **2 Meter Repeater**

147.075(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone

#### **Main Repeater Site**

Oak Street, Lawrenceville

#### **Backup Repeater Site**

Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### **Remote Receive Sites**

Bogan Road, Buford  
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross  
Lanier Mountain, Snellville

### **70 Cm Repeater**

444.525(+) MHz  
82.5 PL

#### **Main Repeater Site**

Lanier Mountain, Snellville  
**Remote Receive Sites**

Bogan Road, Buford  
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross

### **APRS**

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W4GR/Relay

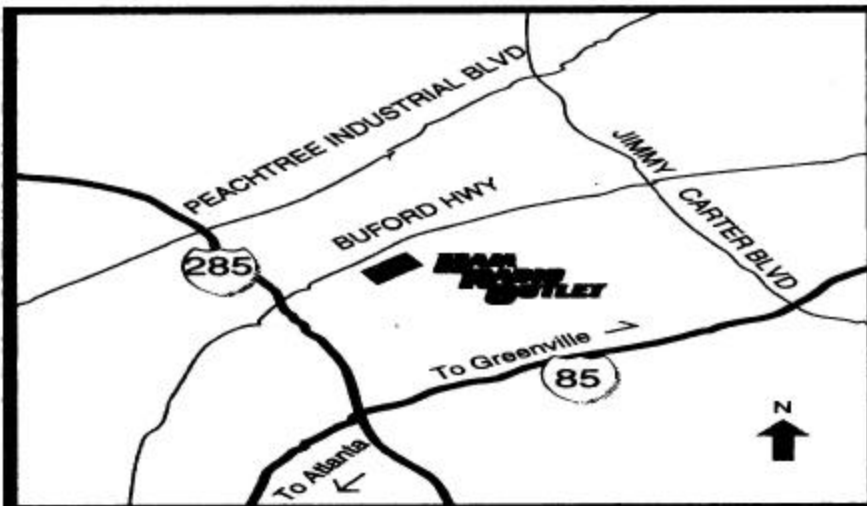
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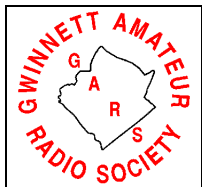
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**August 2002**

Executive Committee

**15th** GARS Club Meeting

**23-25** Fund Raising  
Event—Dog Show

**September 2002**

Executive Committee

**19th** GARS Club Meeting



Meeting Time  
&  
Location

3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM  
Central Baptist  
Church,  
Gwinnett Drive,  
Lawrenceville  
Talk in 147.075(+) MHz  
82.5 PL Tone